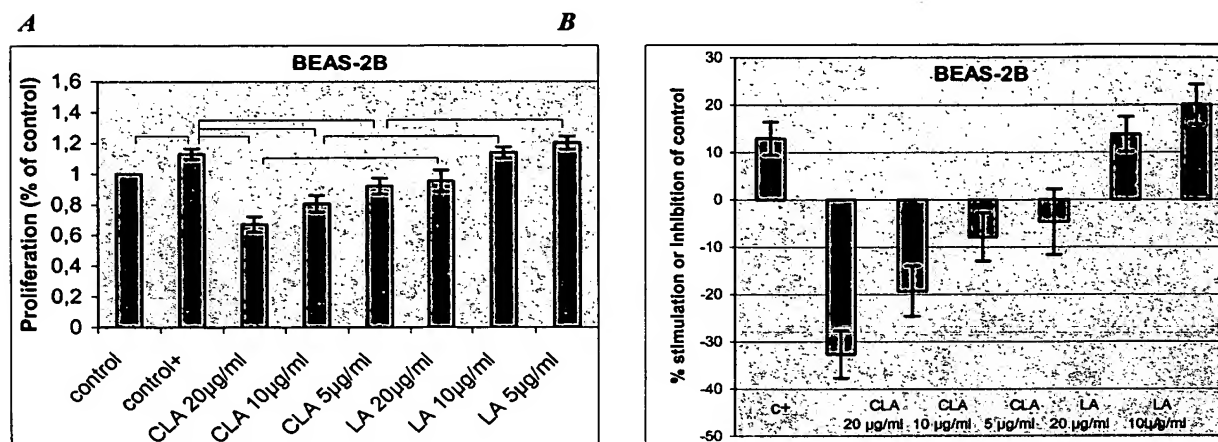
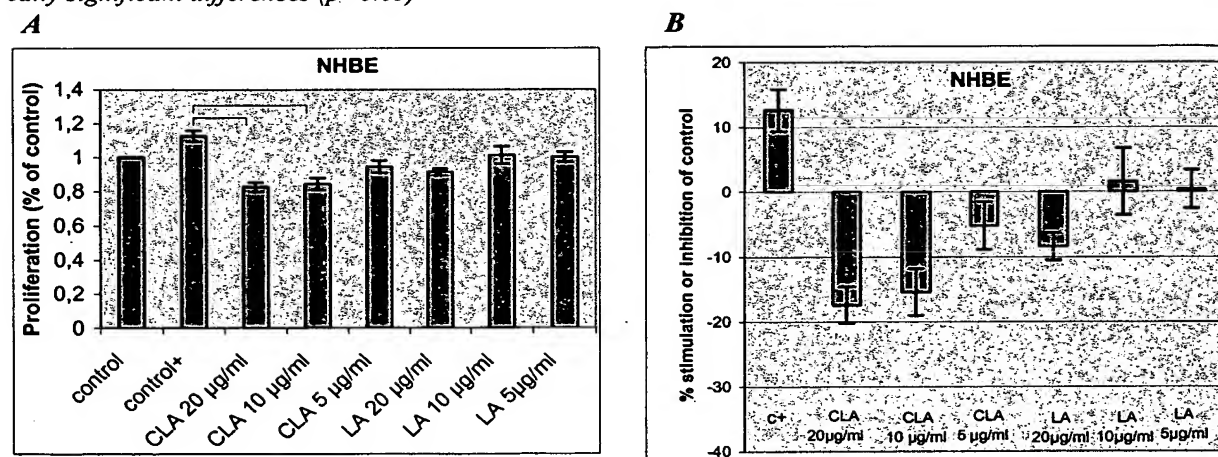


## Figures

Figures 1A and 1B

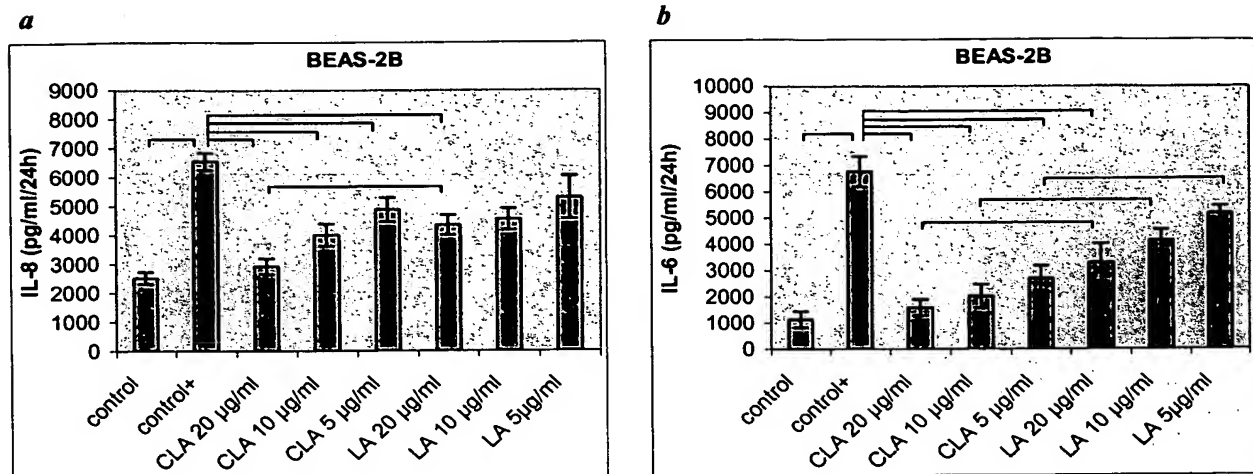


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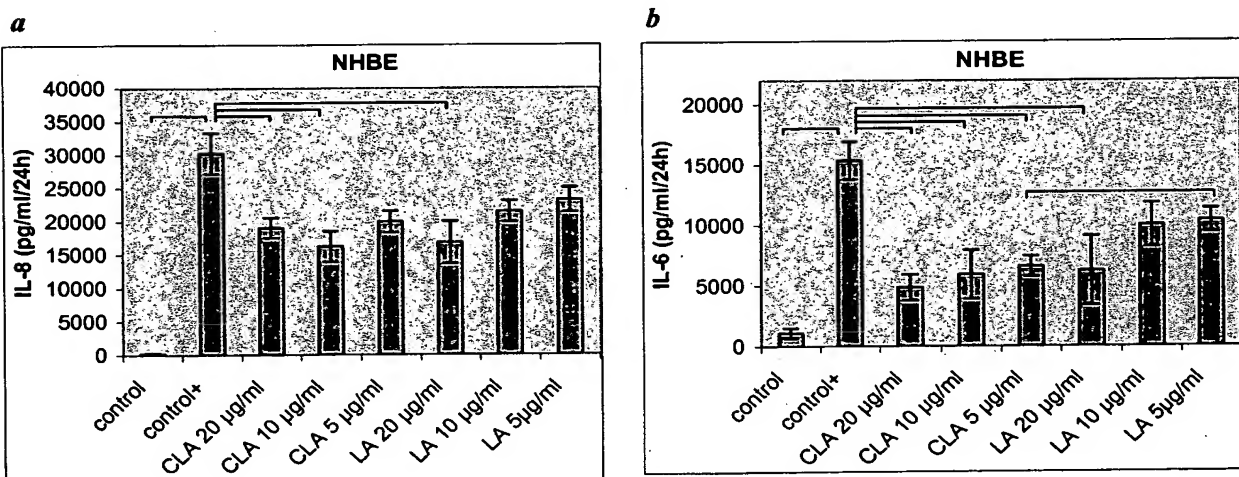


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Figures 2A and 2B

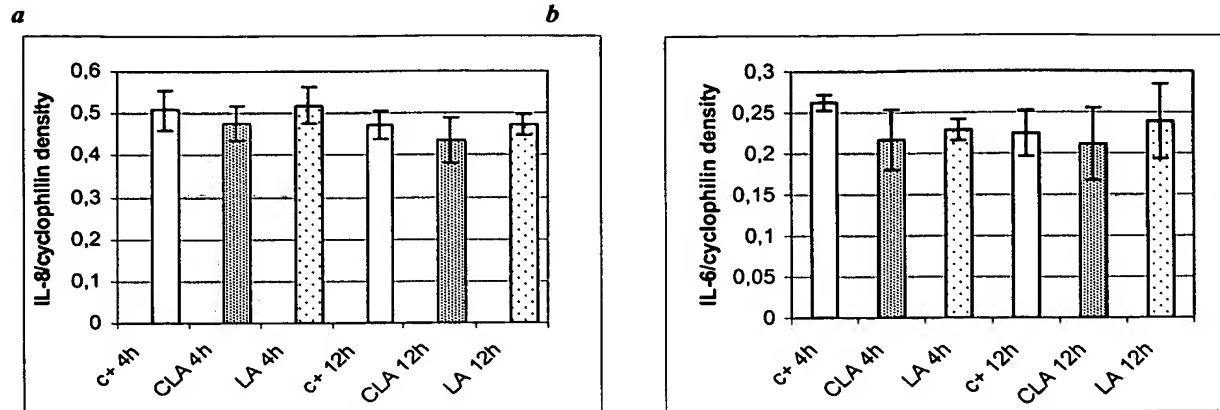


5 **Fig. 2A:** Effects of *cis*-9,*trans*-11-CLA and LA on the production of IL-8 (a) and IL-6 (b) by stimulated BEAS-2B after 24 h. Cells were incubated in the presence of 5 µg LPS and 10 % serum and different concentrations of either *cis*-9,*trans*-11-CLA or LA for 24 h and the supernatants were assessed for the concentration of cytokines. Data are shown as means ± SEM (n = 6), connection of bars represents data with statistically significant differences (p<0.05).



15 **Fig.2B:** Effects of *cis*-9,*trans*-11-CLA and LA on the production of IL-8 (a) and IL-6 (b) by stimulated BEAS-2B after 24 h. Cells were incubated in the presence of 5 µg LPS and 10 % serum and different concentrations of either *cis*-9,*trans*-11-CLA or LA for 24 h and the supernatants were assessed for the concentration of cytokines. Data are shown as means ± SEM (n = 6), connection of bars represents data with statistically significant differences (p<0.05).

Figure 3



5 **Fig. 3:** The expression of IL-8 (a) and IL-6 mRNA (b) in LPS- and serum-stimulated BEAS-2B over a 4-h and 12-h period of treatment without(c+) or with 20  $\mu$ g cis-9,trans-11-CLA or LA/mL. Total RNA was extracted and processed for RT-PCR. Cyclophilin was used as housekeeping gene. Data are shown as means  $\pm$  SEM (n = 4).